

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. - 10. (Cancelled)

11. (New) A communication method used in a group call communication in which communication is performed among a plurality of members belonging to a predetermined group, the method comprising the steps of:

at a transmitting end,

sequentially inputting voice data to be a transmission object, and discriminating whether the voice which is indicated by the inputted voice data is silent;

replacing the voice data which is discriminated that it indicates silent voice with data identifying of the group; and

performing wireless transmission of the replaced data of identifying the group, with voice data indicating voice, at a transmitting end; and

at a receiving end,

receiving the signal to be wireless transmitted;

discriminating the voice data and the data of identifying the group;

determining whether or not the received signal is to be reproduced, on the basis of the discriminated data of identifying the group; and

when it is determined that the received signal is to be reproduced, reproducing voice data for voice data sections and reproducing silence for sections of the data of identifying the group.

12. (New) The communication method according to claim 11, wherein the transmitting end further comprises a step of forming a transmission frame from the voice

data and the replaced data of identifying the group, the step setting a steal flag which shows the presence of the data at the time of transmission; and

wherein the receiving end further comprises a step of discriminating the presence of the data of identifying the group on the basis of the steal flag in the received signal.

13. (New) A receiving method used in a group call communication in which communication is performed among a plurality of members belonging to a predetermined group, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving a wireless transmitted signal including data of identifying the group and voice data of representing voice, the data of identifying the group replacing signal voice data indicative of silence;

discriminating the voice data and the data of identifying the group in the received signal;

determining whether or not the received signal is to be reproduced, on the basis of the data of identifying the group; and

when it is determined that the received signal is to be reproduced, reproducing voice data for voice data sections and reproducing silence for sections of the data of identifying the group.

14. (New) A receiving apparatus used in a group call communication system in which communication is performed among a plurality of members belonging to a predetermined group, the apparatus comprising:

reception means for receiving a received signal including data of identifying the group and voice data representing voice, the data of identifying the group replacing original voice data indicative of silence;

detection means for discriminating the voice data and the data of identifying the group in the received signal;

control means for determining whether or not the received signal is to be reproduced, on the basis of the data of identifying the group; and

reproduction means used when it is determined that the received signal is to be reproduced, for reproducing voice data for voice data sections and for reproducing silence for sections of the data of identifying the group.

15. (New) The receiving apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the reception means operates so as to receive a frame signal;

wherein the detection means operates so as to detect predetermined data in a voice signal included in the frame signal;

wherein the reproduction means operates so as to reproduce the voice signal in the frame signal which is received by the reception means, and further to reproduce the predetermined voice when data of identifying the group data is detected by the detection means; and

wherein the control means of executing processing based on the data of identifying the group detected by the detection means.

16. (New) The receiving apparatus according to claim 15, wherein a predetermined control flag which shows the presence of the data of identifying the group is set in the frame signal; and

wherein the detection means operates so as to detect the data of identifying the group on the basis of the predetermined control flag.